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Before the FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20554

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Section 63.71 Application of Advanced Tel, Inc Consolidated)	Comp. Pol. File No.	_ RECEIVED
For Authority to Discontinue Certain Services)		NOV 1 4 2005

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SECTION 63.71 APPLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 63.71 of the Commission's Rules¹ and Section 214(a) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended,² Advanced Tel, Inc. - Consolidated ("Advanced Tel" or the "Company") hereby files this application to discontinue the provision of local exchange service and Digital Subscriber Line High-Speed ("DSL") to the segment of customers to whom the Company provides competitive local exchange carrier ("CLEC") service in the State of Louisiana that received notices specifying a discontinuance date of December 30, 2005³ and all of the customers to whom the Company provides competitive local exchange service in the State of Mississippi ("Application").⁴ In support of this Application, Advanced Tel submits the following:

I. <u>Information Required by Section 63.71(a)(1)-(4)</u>

A. Name and Address of Carrier

Advanced Tel, Inc. - Consolidated 913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258

See 47 C.F.R. § 63.71.

See 47 U.S.C. § 214(a).

On October 18, 2005, the Company filed an application to discontinue the provision of local exchange and DSL service to the segment of customers that the Company serves in the State of Louisiana that received notices specifying a discontinuance date of November 30, 2005 ("First Application"). This instant Application is in reference to the remainder of the Company's CLEC customers in Louisiana and all of the Company's CLEC customers in Mississippi to whom the Company provides competitive local exchange service.

As required by Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules, Advanced Tel has notified and submitted a copy of this Application to the Mississippi and Louisiana Public Service Commissions, the Governors of the States of Mississippi and Louisiana and the Secretary of the Department of Defense. Advanced Tel is a CLEC and provides local exchange, DSL, long distance and Internet Service Provider ("ISP") services. A subsidiary of Advanced Tel, TLX Communications, Inc. ("TLX"), is also a CLEC; however, it currently provides only long distance service and has no local exchange customers. Because this application does not seek discontinuance of long distance service, TLX is not part of this application.

For purposes of this Application, the Commission may contact: Janet S. Britton, Corporate and Regulatory Counsel Advanced Tel, Inc. – Consolidated 913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258

B. Date of Planned Service Discontinuance

As specified in its First Application, Advanced Tel has sent notices to one segment of customers that reside in the State of Louisiana specifying a proposed discontinuance date of November 30, 2005. Notices have been sent to the Company's remaining CLEC customers in the state of Louisiana and to all of the Company's customers in Mississippi with a proposed discontinuance date of December 30, 2005. This Application seeks approval to discontinue service to these customers.⁵

In order to ensure that customers will be able to transition to alternative services, the Company will allow an additional time period after the December 30, 2005 discontinuance date specified in the customer notices before discontinuing service to these customers. For the remainder of the customers in Louisiana, the Company will not discontinue service until February 14, 2006 subject to obtaining all necessary federal and state regulatory approvals. For its customers in Mississippi, the Company will not discontinue service until January 31, 2006.

C. Points of Geographic Areas of Service Affected

The notices sent by Advanced Tel informing customers of the Company's intent to discontinue service on December 30, 2005 were sent to the remainder of its customers that are located in areas served by BellSouth and that are within the Company's certificated competitive local exchange area in the following parishes in Louisiana: Acadia, Allen, Ascension, Assumption, Avoyelles, Beauregard, Bienville, Bossier, Caddo, Calcasieu, Catahoula, Claiborne, Concordia, De Soto, East Baton Rouge, East Feliciana, Evangeline, Iberia, Iberville, Jackson,

In the First Application, the Company stated its intention to file two additional applications, one pertaining to discontinuance of service to its customers in Louisiana and the other pertaining to discontinuance of service to customers in Mississippi. Because the notices to these two groups specified the same proposed discontinuance date, the Company has consolidated the two groups in this instant Application.

See In re: Petition of Advanced Tel, Inc. for Authority to Cease Operations and to Discontinue Provision of all Local Exchange Telecommunications Services in Mississippi, Docket No. 2005-AD-601 (issued Oct 28, 2005) (Mississippi Public Service Commission granting Advanced Tel's request to discontinue CLEC services in Mississippi and canceling the Company's authorization to provide CLEC service in the state effective on and after January 31, 2006).

In the First Application, the Company informed the Commission that the customers that are in Louisiana to whom the Company provides competitive local exchange service which were sent notices containing a November 30, 2005 discontinuance date also are located in these parishes.

Jefferson, Jefferson Davis, Lafayette, Lafourche, Lincoln, Livingston, Madison, Morehouse, Natchitoches, Orleans, Ouachita, Plaquemines, Pointe Coupee, Rapides, Sabine, Saint Bernard, Saint Charles, Saint James, Saint Landry, Saint Martin, Saint Mary, Saint Tammany, St. John the Baptist, Tangipahoa, Tensas, Terrebonne, Union, Vermilion, Vernon, Washington, Webster, West Baton Rouge, West Feliciana.

The notices sent by Advanced Tel informing customers of the Company's intent to discontinue service on December 30, 2005 were also sent to its customers that are located in areas served by BellSouth and that are within the Company's certificated competitive local exchange area in the following counties in Mississippi: Adams, Alcom, Amite, Attala, Bolivar, Claiborne, Coahoma, Copiah, Desoto, Forrest, Franklin, Hancock, Harrison, Hinds, Jackson, Jones, Lafayette, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lee, Leflore, Lincoln, Lowndes, Madison, Marion, Oktibbeha, Pearl River, Pike, Pontotoc, Rankin, Stone, Union, Walthall, Warren, Washington, Wilkinson, Winston, Yalobusha.

D. Brief Description of the Types of Services Affected

In the areas where the Company provides competitive local exchange service referenced above, Advanced Tel provides the following types of services which will be discontinued:

Facilities-based local exchange service and local exchange services provided through resale of BellSouth's services. In conjunction with both of these types of services, the Company has offered DSL services which will also be discontinued. The Company will continue to provide long distance service in Louisiana and Mississippi and serve as an ISP for certain individuals in Louisiana who access the Internet through dial-up service.

II. Description of the Dates and Methods of Notice to All Affected Customers

The written notices sent to the segment of customers that specify a discontinuance date of December 30, 2005 were sent to the remainder of customers in Louisiana on October 11, 13, 20, and 27, 2005. Sample copies of these notices are attached as Exhibits A, B, C and D respectively. Written notices were sent to customers in Mississippi on October 21, 2005. A sample copy of this notice is attached as Exhibit E.

A portion of the customers to whom notices have been sent are ones that have been displaced due to Hurricane Katrina and/or Hurricane Rita. For these individuals, the U.S. Post Office has established procedures to receive mail at their new location. These notices informed

The Company will continue to provide DSL and high speed internet services in conjunction with its affiliated incumbent local exchange carrier ("ILEC") to subscribers in the ILEC's service territory.

Four different types of letters sent on October 20, 2005, samples of which are contained in Exhibit C: one to residential customers where dial-up Internet will still be available; one to residential customers where dial-up Internet service will not be available; one to business customers where dial-up Internet service will not be available; and one to business customers where dial-up Internet service will not be available.

the customers that Advanced Tel's service is dependent upon BellSouth's network which is still under repair and encouraged them to seek an alternate provider when they return. With regard to customers such as hospitals and government agencies that have been displaced, the Company sent notices to these customers via USPS Priority Mail with Delivery Confirmation. To the extent that these measures are not adequate to satisfy the Commission's requirements, the Company seeks waiver of Section 63.71(a) of the Commission's Rules and is prepared to provide supporting evidence demonstrating the extraordinary circumstances surrounding those impacted by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita to justify grant of a request for waiver of this Rule.

III. Status of Carrier

Advanced Tel is non-dominant with respect to the services that it proposes to discontinue.

IV. Circumstances of Discontinuance

The Company's decision to discontinue local exchange and DSL services was made well in advance of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita and was a difficult business decision based primarily on the Commission's decision to change its rules and regulations affecting the cost structure for providing CLEC services.

V. Certification

On behalf of Advanced Tel, the undersigned President and Chief Operating Officer of Advanced Tel hereby certifies that the statements contained herein are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and made in good faith.

VI. Conclusion

For the reasons stated herein, the Company respectfully requests grant of this Application.

Respectfully Submitted,

Robert Burgess

President & Chief Operating Officer

Advanced Tel, Inc. - Consolidated 913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana 70737-4258 225-621-4200

November 14, 2005

EXHIBIT A

Sample October 11, 2005 Discontinuance Letter

EATEL

913 South Burnside Avenue Gonzales, Louisiana



October 11, 2005

Assumption Parish Water District Attention: Henry Templet P. O. Box 575 Napoleonville, Louisiana 70390-0575

RE: URGENT Notice of Discontinuance of Local Telephone Services, dedicated voice and data DSL High Speed and dial-up Internet (Excluding East Ascension and Lower Livingston Parishes)

circuits,

Dear Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on December 30, 2005, Advanced Tel, Inc., d/b/a EATEL will no longer be providing local telephone service, dedicated voice and data services, DSL High-Speed and dial-up Internet in your area. (Please note: EATEL will continue to offer all existing services in the company's franchised service area within East Ascension and Lower Livingston Parishes.)

This was a difficult business decision based primarily on the Federal Communication Commission's change in rules and regulations affecting the cost structure for providing competitive local exchange services in your area. We are providing this notice well in advance of our target termination date to allow you sufficient time to find another communications provider.

All customers with term contracts will be released from such term agreement as of the date of this letter. It is our understanding that there are other providers which offer local exchange services within your service area. Generally, you will find a list of local exchange service providers in your local telephone directory. In order to make your selection, you must contact a local telephone service provider of choice and request that your service be switched to that provider. If you are in an area where your EATEL local telephone service was affected by Hurricane Katrina or Hurricane Rita, BellSouth is working diligently to rebuild its infrastructure. Since EATEL's current local service is largely a resale arrangement of BellSouth's network, a repair for an EATEL service would take approximately the same amount of time as new service ordered with BellSouth directly. We encourage you to contact an alternate provider as soon as possible.

The FCC will normally authorize this proposed discontinuance of service unless it is shown that customers would be unable to receive service or a reasonable substitute from another carrier or that the public convenience and necessity is otherwise adversely affected. If you wish to object, you should file your comments within 15 days after receipt of this notification. Address them to the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, DC 20554, and reference the Application of Advanced Tel, Inc., d/b/a EATEL Comments should include specific information about the impact of this proposed discontinuance upon you or your company, including any inability to acquire reasonable substitute service.

While EATEL will no longer provide local phone service, dedicated voice and data circuits, DSL High-Speed and dial-up Internet in your area, we will continue to offer long distance service to customers in Louisiana. If you currently have long distance service with EATEL, there is no need to cancel it. Or, if you are interested in signing up for EATEL's long distance plans, please feel free to call our Customer Service Department at 1-866-625-4100 after you have established local telephone service with another provider.

We regret any inconvenience we may have caused you and we thank you for the opportunity to have served you.

Sincerely, EATEL

EXHIBIT B

Sample October 13, 2005 Discontinuance Letter

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EXHIBIT C

Sample October 20, 2005 Discontinuance Letters:

- 1. Residential Customers Dial-Up Internet Will Remain Available
- 2. Residential Customers Dial-Up Internet Will Not Remain Available
- 3. Business Customers Dial-Up Internet Will Remain Available
- 4. Business Customers Dial-Up Internet Will Not Remain Available

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Baron Rouge, LA 70809-1208 URGENT Notice of Discontinuance of Local Telephone Services, DSL High Speed and dial-up Internet

Dear Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on December 30, 2005. Advanced Tel, Inc., d/b/a BATEL will no longer be providing local telephone service, DSL High-Speed and dial-up Internet in your area, (Please note: EATEL will combinue to offer all existing services in the company's franchised service area within East Ascension and Lower Livingston Parishes.)

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RE: UROENT Notice of Discontinuance of Local Telephone Services, dedicated voice and data circuits and DSL High Speed Internet (Excluding East Ascention and Lower Livingston Parishes)

Dear Customer:

This letter is to inform you that on December 30, 2005, Advanced Tel, Inc., d/h/a RATEL will no longer be providing local telephone service, dedicated voice and data services and DSL High-Speed Internet in your area. (Please note: EATEL will continue to offer all existing services in the company's franchised service area within East Ascension and Lower Livingston Parishes?

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Sample October 27, 2005 Discontinuance Letter

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1-888-825-4100

October 27, 2005

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RE: URGENT Notice of Discontinuance of Local Telephone Services and DSL High Speed Internet (Excluding East Ascension and Lower Livingston Parishes)

Dear Customer:

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EXHIBIT E

Sample October 21, 2005 Discontinuance Letter - Mississippi